



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR THE 2012 SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY CONTINUUM OF CARE PROGRAM COMPETITION

The County of San Luis Obispo is requesting proposals for the 2012 Continuum of Care Program competition administered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The Continuum of Care (“CoC”) program, authorized by subtitle C of title IV of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Act, as amended (42 U.S.C 11381-11389) is focused on: 1) ending homelessness by providing funding for efforts to quickly re-house homeless individuals and families while minimizing the trauma and dislocation caused to homeless persons and communities by homelessness, 2) promoting access to and effective utilization of mainstream programs by homeless individuals and families, and 3) optimizing self-sufficiency among individuals and families experiencing homelessness. The amount of funding available for the 2012 funding year is approximately \$1,009,280 (Preliminary Pro Rata Need amount) if existing projects are not renewed and \$1,031,602 if all existing projects are renewed. An additional \$100,928 is available for new Permanent Housing Bonus project(s) for permanent supportive housing that will serve chronically homeless persons and families, with priority given to projects proposing to serve persons with the longest histories of homelessness.

Funds may be used only to assist persons meeting the HUD definition of homeless and chronically homeless. Eligible CoC program components include permanent housing, transitional housing, supportive services only, and Homeless Management Information System (“HMIS”). Eligible activities under each of the components vary, but overall include: acquisition, rehabilitation, new construction, leasing, rental assistance, operating costs, supportive services, and HMIS. The CoC regulations may be obtained at: <http://www.hudhre.info/documents/CoCProgramInterimRule.pdf>. Regulations may be obtained from the County Department of Planning and Building, 1050 Monterey Street, Room 370, San Luis Obispo during regular business hours. Please note that cash and in-kind match of no less than 25 percent is required for all activities except leasing (see NOFA and HUD regulations for more information).

Any group or organization wishing to apply for grant funding must submit an application for a project meeting the criteria established by HUD for the CoC program. The application must be submitted by **Tuesday, December 4th, at 5:00 pm** (no postmarks accepted) to Morgan Torell, Planner III, Planning and Building Department, 976 Osos Street, Room 300, San Luis Obispo, CA 93408. The application will be available by Monday, November 19th, 2012 at www.sloplanning.org under the “Housing and Economic Development” quicklink in the “Federal HUD Grants” section, or you can request an application by contacting Morgan Torell at

805-781-5113 or mtorell@co.slo.ca.us. The Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) is available on the HUD website at <http://www.hudhre.info/documents/FY2012CoCProgramNOFA.pdf>.

Criteria used to evaluate and prioritize proposals will generally follow the federal criteria described in more detail in the NOFA. The general criteria for project applications will include (86 points total maximum):

1. Project Performance – 28 points
2. Strategic Planning- 33 points
3. Leveraging – 6 points
4. HMIS – 5 points
5. Bonus Points – 4 points
6. Additional County Criteria – 10 points

HUD will fund all eligible CoC renewal projects for one year. Applications for funding of any new projects are reviewed by HUD on a competitive basis. If funded by HUD, the County will enter into a contract with the subrecipients for implementation of the project. Most new projects will be contracted for a 1 year period. Please note that all applicants must have a valid DUNS number before the application deadline

A public workshop for interested agencies and persons will be held on **Monday, November 26, 2012** at 1:00 pm in Room 161/162 in the Government Center located at 1055 Monterey Street, San Luis Obispo, CA 93408. If you have questions or need additional information about the Continuum of Care application, please contact Morgan Torell, Planner III, at (805) 781-5113 or e-mail mtorell@co.slo.ca.us.